

GENERAL PUBLIC

HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM RECOMMENDED PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

The recommended protective actions at a threat level include those at all lower threat levels.

LOW <i>General Risk with no credible threats</i>	GUARDED <i>General Risk with no credible threats</i>	ELEVATED <i>Elevated risk of attack; no specific target identified</i>	HIGH <i>High risk of a local terrorist attack</i>	SEVERE <i>Intelligence indicates a terrorist attack is imminent</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to enjoy your freedoms. Participate freely in travel, work and recreational activities. Be prepared for disasters and family emergencies. (See DESHS and American Red Cross brochures.) Develop a family emergency plan. (fema.gov and American Red Cross brochures.) Know how to turn off power, gas, water service. Know what hazardous chemicals are stored in your home and how to properly dispose of unneeded items. Support the efforts of your local emergency responders (fire fighters, law enforcement and emergency medical service). Know what natural hazards are prevalent in your area and what measures you can take to protect your family. Report suspicious activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue normal activities but be watchful for suspicious activities. Report criminal activity to local law enforcement. Review family emergency plans. Increase family emergency preparedness by purchasing supplies, food and storing water. Be familiar with local natural and technological (man made) hazards in your community. Increase individual or family emergency preparedness through training, maintaining good physical fitness and health, and storing food, water and emergency supplies. Monitor local and national news for terrorist alerts. Update immunizations. Volunteer to assist and support the community emergency response agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue normal activities, report suspicious activities to the law enforcement. Take a first aid or CERT class. Become active in your local Neighborhood Crime Watch program. Network with your family, neighbors and community for mutual support during a disaster or terrorist attack. Learn what critical facilities are located in your community and report suspicious activities at or near these sites. Attend your local emergency planning committee meeting to learn more about local hazards. (Call the city/county emergency manager to learn dates and locations) Increase family emergency preparedness through training, maintaining good physical fitness and health, and storing food, water and emergency supplies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resume normal activities, expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions as a result of heightened security at public buildings and facilities. Monitor world and local events as well as local government advisories. Report suspicious activities at critical facilities to local law enforcement. Avoid leaving unattended packages or brief cases in public areas. Inventory and organize emergency kits; discuss emergency plans with family; reevaluate meeting location based on threat. Consider taking reasonable personal security precautions. Be alert to your surroundings, avoid vulnerable situations and monitor the activities of your children. Maintain close contact with your family and neighbors to ensure their safety and emotional welfare. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report suspicious activities and call 9-1-1. Expect delays, searches of purses and bags and restricted access to public buildings. Expect traffic delays. Take personal security precautions. Avoid crowded public areas and gatherings. Do not travel into areas affected by the attack. Keep emergency supplies accessible and automobile fuel tank full. Be prepared to evacuate home or shelter in place. Be suspicious and report persons taking photographs of critical facilities, asking detailed questions about physical security or dressed inappropriately. Monitor news reports and Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio/TV stations. Assist neighbors. Avoid passing unsubstantiated information and rumors.